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Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its forty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters on 15 February 2008 and from 4 to 13 February 2009. The Commission held ___ meetings (1st to ___).

B. Attendance

2. The session was attended by representatives of ____ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States, representatives of organizations of the United Nations system and observers for intergovernmental, non-governmental and other organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in document E/CN.5/2009/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

3. In its decision 2002/210, the Economic and Social Council decided that, immediately following the closure of a regular session, the Commission would hold the first meeting of its subsequent regular session for the sole purpose of electing the new Chairperson and other members of the Bureau. At its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 15 February 2008 and 4 February 2009, in pursuance of that decision, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairperson:
Kirsti **Lintonen** (Finland)

Vice-Chairpersons:
Lilit **Toutkhalian** (Armenia)
Tareq Md. Ariful **Islam** (Bangladesh)
Soha **Gendi** (Egypt)
Lorena **Giménez-Jimenez** (Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela)

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4. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 February, the Commission designated Vice-Chairperson Soha Gendi to also assume the responsibilities of Rapporteur for the session.

D. Agenda and organization of work

5. At its 2nd meeting, on 4 February, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.5/2009/1. The agenda read as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly:
   (a) Priority theme: social integration;
   (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups:
      (i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons;
      (ii) World Programme of Action for Youth;
      (iii) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002;
      (iv) Family issues, policies and programmes;
   (c) Emerging issues: "The global crises and their impact on social development".
4. Programme questions and other matters:
   (a) Programme performance and implementation for the biennium 2006-2007;
   (b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2010-2011;
   (c) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.
5. Provisional agenda for the forty-eighth session of the Commission.
6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its forty-seventh session.

6. At the same meeting, the Commission approved its organization of work as contained in document E/CN.5/2009/1, annex I, as orally corrected.

E. Documentation

7. The list of documents before the Commission at its forty-seventh session is contained in annex ____ to the present report.